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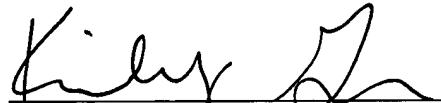
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.56

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants, through their
representatives, make of record the following documents.*

* For the convenience of the Examiner, a completed Form PTO-1449 listing these documents is attached hereto in duplicate. The above-identified application is a continuation of U.S. application No. 09/039,609, filed March 16, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,136,787; which is a division of U.S. application No. 08/440,179, filed May 12, 1995, now U.S. Patent 5,756,465; which is a division of U.S. application No. 08/203,716, filed February 28, 1994, now U.S. patent 5,416,013; which is a continuation of U.S. application No. 07/750,644, filed August 30, 1991, now abandoned; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application No. 07/505,298, filed April 4, 1990, and U.S. application No. 07/656,759, filed February 13, 1991, both now abandoned.

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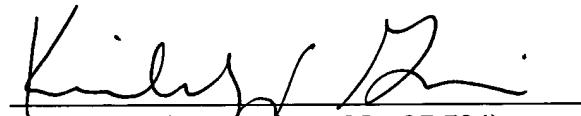
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Applicants request that these above-cited documents be (1) fully considered by the Examiner during the course of the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent that may issue from this application.

Applicants also request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

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